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ANNUAL REPORT

The report now published, after much delay, is for the year 1911. It was the original plan of the Council to print as an accompanying paper the essay of Mr. Keniston which received the Dante Prize in 1909. But the author's absence in Europe for an unexpected length of time led to the postponement of this publication, which the Secretary now hopes to issue with the next report. In place of Mr. Keniston's essay, in the meantime, has been substituted Mr. Roger Theodore Lafferty's prize essay of 1912 on "The Philosophy of Dante."

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Society was held on May 16, 1911, at the residence of the Secretary, Longfellow Park, Cambridge. The regular business was transacted and the officers were all reëlected for the ensuing year. Mrs. William Carver Bates, because of her change of residence to New York, declined reëlection to the Council, and Mrs. Richard Henry Dana was chosen in her place.

Proof sheets of the Latin Concordance, which was then in the press, were exhibited by the editors as a report of progress. The volume has since been issued, and the chief literary undertaking of the Society, the publication of concordances to all of Dante's writings, has thus been successfully carried out. It has enlisted many members

in the preliminary work of collecting references, has received the generous financial support of two members in particular, and owes its satisfactory completion to the learning, judgment, and unstinted labor of the successive editors. The Society is not likely soon again to have an opportunity to render a service of equal importance to Dante scholarship. But now that the treasury will be relieved of the extra expenses incident to the publication of the concordances, it is the hope of the Council that the regular annual reports may be made more substantial and that many papers of value may be printed from year to year.

FRED NORRIS ROBINSON

Secretary

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